requested that the District Court might be re-transferred to Alwaye and if that considered inexpedient, that the First Class Magistrate's Court recently sanctioned for Perumpavur might be located at Alwaye.

Dewan's reply.—The necessity for a First Class Magistrate's Court for the northernmost taluks was urged at the previous sessions of the Assembly. During recent tour to North Travancore, from the addresses presented to me and certain petitions received and also from the conversation I had with the people, I was convinced of the need for the First Class Magistrate's Court. I also thought that the Court should be centrally situated in respect of the taluks of Alangad, Kunnatnad and Muvattupuzha. In this view, Perumpavur was chosen for the location of the Court. Perumpavur is only 10 miles from Alwaye. There would be a Division First Class Magistrate's Court at Perumpavur and the Tahsildar recently transferred Parur has also first class powers. The Parur District Court also is situated at a distance of only 10 miles from Alwaye and it is impossible to shift it from there for several reasons. The Government do not therefore think it necessary or desirable to make any changes in the present arrangement of courts.

(4) Civil Justice.

The inconvenience and hardship caused to parties by the commissioners appointed by civil courts.

Mr. Vikraman Velayudhan Unnithan (Member, Quilon taluk) said that in the matter of appointment of commissioners, the lower courts did not follow the procedure prescribed by the High Court. The Government had more than once instructed the High Court about the necessity for appointing proper men as commissioners and the High Court had also issued circulars on the subject. But there was no end to the trouble to the people at the hands of the commissioners. In many cases, men without any knowledge of the methods of valuation of trees and without proper education were deputed as commissioners. They often took the side of the parties at whose instance they were appointed, but could be won over to the other side if they were paid more. In brief, the people suffered untold hardship and needless expenditure in the matter. The Member also complained about the inordinate delay in the submission of their reports and about the unsatisfactory manner in which these were prepared by some of the inexperienced and irresponsible commissioners. [illegible] commission fees. There was also no uniformity in the matter of levying commissions of foreign courts. He therefore requested that experienced vakils attached to the several courts, or respectable landholders, a list of whom might be kept in each court with the previous approval of the High Court, might be appointed as commissioners. In any case, it should be provided that the reports of the commissioners should be attested by respectable ryots of the locality paying a Sirkar tax of Rs. 50 and upwards. That at least would act as a check on the vagaries of the commissioners.

Dewan's reply.—The High Court have already issued stringent instructions to appoint as commissioners respectable and competent men, who would be acceptable to both parties. The representations of the Member will again be brought to their notice for such action as may be practicable in view to minimise the evils complained of.

47. Inconvenience to parties in the execution of decrees.

Mr. Koyakutti Mahomed Kunju (Member, Trading Classes, Quilon) complained about the delay in the granting of copies of decrees from courts. The delay in some cases exceeded six months and the judgment-debtors alienated their properties in the meantime. He also complained about the delay in the issue of warrants for the arrest of decree-debtors. The delay enabled them to obtain a knowledge of the proceedings and to remain in hiding. He next referred to the large number of processes entrusted to a single process-server and said that the procedure resulted in unsatisfactory and ineffective service. Lastly, the Member adverted to the scant attention now paid by the courts in the disposal of execution cases. He therefore requested that orders might be issued to grant copies of decrees

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